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1. The previous practice of repeatedly cutting off the electric power in Prague has been stopped because it generated wide-spread dissatisfaction in the capital and had a bad propaganda effect. Instead, power is being shut off in the provinces, especially in Moravska Ostrava, where current is cut off every workday for five and one-half hours in the morning.
2. In mid-1953, Hungary received a large diesel electric power plant of approximately 30,000 kilowatts capacity from Czechoslovakia. The unit never has functioned properly and at present no power is being produced. As a result of a complaint by the Hungarian government, it has been necessary for Czechoslovakia to supply Hungary with the amount of power supposed to be produced by the plant until such time as the plant is producing power again. This accounts for part of the power shortage in Czechoslovakia evident during December 1953. The shortage in the Prague area alone is approximately 70,000 90,000 kilowatts per day.

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1. Comment: Possibly a reference to the power plant at Inota in Hungary, which was installed by Czechs and which is known to have been shut down for some time in 1953.

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